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Oct. 22, 2013

Ms. Gina M. Ecolino
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Re: FOIA Request Number EPA-HQ-2013-00931

Dear Ms. Ecolino:

This is in response to your request dated August 20, 2013, under the Freedom of Information Act for any unprovided documents responsive to an earlier FOIA request you had submitted in 2007. That request, dated March 12, 2007, asked for documents relating to petitions to cancel pesticide registrations or deny applications for registration because of an asserted failure to participate in a procedure for reaching an agreement or in an arbitration proceeding. Your later request was assigned the EPA Identification Number EPA-HQ-2013-00931. I sent you an e-mail on September 30, 2013, explaining that I had already sent you (in response to a 2011 FOIA request) the only complete file the attorneys in my office could locate that was responsive to your 2013-00931 request. Additionally, attorneys in my office were able to locate two decisions from 1993 and 1999 that address the "participate in a procedure for reaching an agreement" issue; I sent you those documents as attachments to my e-mail of September 30. I believe this response provided you with all the relevant documents in the files of attorneys working in the the Pesticides and Toxic Substances Law Office here in the Office of General Counsel (OGC), and that I have satisfied your request in full to the extent that it asked for documents from OGC.

If you disagree with my conclusion that your request has been satisfied, you may appeal our response to your request to the National Freedom of Information Office; US EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T); Washington DC 20460 (US Postal Service Only); fax 202-566-2147; email: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the US Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to: 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW; Room 6416J; Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 day calendar day limit.

Any appeal letter should include the identification number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this letter or my earlier e-mail response, please feel free to contact me at (202) 564-5636.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Perlis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Perlis
Assistant General Counsel for Pesticides
& Toxic Substances Law Office (2333A)